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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: :  
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: Examiner: T. Speer  
Serial No.: 08/486,643 :  
: Group Art Unit: 1315  
Filed: June 7, 1995 :  
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For: METHOD OF MAKING : Atty. Dkt. No.: 2372.853  
HEAT TREATABLE, DURABLE, :  
IR-REFLECTING SPUTTER- :  
COATED GLASSES :

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 25, 1996.

The Office Action is singular in nature in that it requires restriction pursuant to 35 USC §121 between Group I (claims 1-13 drawn to an article) and Group II (claims 14-31, drawn to a method).

Applicants thereby elect Group I, claims 1-13 drawn to an article. Applicants may, furthermore, respectfully traverse this requirement. The reason for the traverse is as follows:


While the method and the article may be classified in different classes as appropriately stated by the Examiner in paragraph 1 of his restriction requirement (page two), nevertheless, restriction requirements are permissive under 35 USC §121, and not mandatory. The Examiner examining this application is a highly experienced Examiner and is well capable

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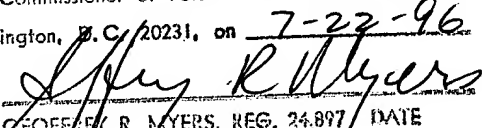
of examining both, obviously overlapping, groups of invention. It would appear, therefore, in the interest of the public as represented by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and Applicants alike, that the Examiner herein should withdraw his restriction requirement and, given his professionalism in this matter, examine both groups.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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